(c) and (d) This information can be furnished free of charge to all the subscribers along with regular bills.

Utilisation of amount of money orders

890. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to utilise the money at its disposal on any day between acceptance of money orders and its final payment;

(b) what is the estimated amount available with Government on a day on this account;

(c) what are the reasons for this; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to improve its services to earn more revenue if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Post is part & parcel of the Government of India and not a Public Sector/Departmental Undertaking for utilising the money in transit.

(b) As per accounts, the amount of total money orders handled during 1992-93 has been to the tune of Rs. 3000 crores. Day to Day Data is not maintained.

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) Yes Sir. The Government has since approved a plan to instal 75 micro-earth stations (also called Very Small Aperture Terminals—VSATs) to transmit money order advices via Satellite Communications. The Department of Electronics is to provide all the technical support necessary for implementation of the project. The new technology is expected to reduce the cost of money order operations. The net work so developed will also help the Department to launch new value added services in the future (such as electronic money transfers etc.). Such services have substantial potential to generate additional revenue for the Government.

Telephone connections released in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

891. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephones sanctioned and cleared for release in Visakhapatnam town in Andhra Pradesh in year 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what is the number of telephones yet to be installed;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a long time lag between sanction of phones and actual installation in Visakhapatnam;

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take streamline the telecom administration in Visakhapatnam; and

(e) what other measures are being taken to improve the response of Visakhapatnam telecom to the needs of phone subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The details of the number of telephones sanctioned and released during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 is as under

	No. of Telephones	
Year	Sanctioned	released
91-92	2479	2479
92-93	4026	4023

(b) Waiting list of registrants is 14,321.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

(e) The following measures are being taken to improve the response of Vishakapatnam Telecom to the needs of phone subscribers.

1. It is proposed to open 5 K RLU exchange at MVP Colony.

2. Equipment for I K C-DOT Exchange at Gopalapatnam has been received and installation is under progress.

3. I K C-DOT Exchange is proposed at Madhurwada. The receipt of equipment is awaited.

4. I 512 ILT Exchange is proposed at Sagarnagar. The receipt of equipment is awaited.

5. It is proposed to instal a 512 ILT Exchange at Penduruthy.

Immediately after installation of the above proposed exchanges all the registrations under waiting list are expected to be cleared.

STD facilities in V.O.C. district of Tamil Nadu

892. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in V.O.C District of Tamil Nadu that have been provided with STD facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that requests for provision of STD facility submitted by some villages of this District are pending with the Government;

(c) if so, what are the names of such villages; and

(d) by when STD facilities will be made available in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 27 villages in V.O.C. District have been provided S.T.D. facilities.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Names of villages are given in the statement (see below) and are placed on the Table of the House.

(d) STD facility will be made available in these villages by the end of 8th Plan.

Names of Villages Demanding STD Services in V.O.C. District Tamil Nadu

Sl. No.	Name of the village
1.	Kadambur
2.	Etayapuram
3.	Nallatinputhoor
4.	Kayathar
5.	Maniyachi
6.	Eppothumventron
7.	Pasuvanthanai
8.	Eral
9.	Sweryapuram
10.	Veppalodai
11.	Pazhayakayal
12.	Vallanadu
13.	Seidunganallur
14.	Pdukkapapddu
15.	Puttantharuvai
16.	Naduvakurichi
17.	Autoor
18.	Alwarthirunagari
19.	Kurumbur
20.	Nazerath
21.	Paramankurichi
22.	Meignanapuram
23.	Kanam
24.	Manapad
25.	Vembar
26.	Pudur
27.	Nagalapuram